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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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SUBJECT: BELGIAN-US INDUSTRIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 194627

1. FONOFF (MAESSCHALCK) CONFIRMS THE INFORMATION IN REFTTEL, INCLUDING FACT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILL SIGN AGREEMENT FOR BELGIUM. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY IS SHARED BY MINISTRIES OF ECONOMICS, NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WITH LATTER IN PRIMARY ROLE.

2. MAESSCHALCK SAID THAT DOD WAS TO DRAFT AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH DEFINING THE STATUS OF THE OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITY EUROPE (OISE) BUT THAT HE HAS NOT YET SEEN THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

WE HOPE THAT DOD IS INDEED PLANNING TO INCLUDE SUCH A PARAGRAPH, SINCE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF OISE AND ITS PERSONNEL IN BRUSSELS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF OCCASIONAL QUERIES FROM MAESSCHALCK TO OISE. FORMERLY CALLED CENTRAL INDEX FILE EUROPE (CIFE), OISE WAS AN INTEGRAL

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PART OF USMISSION NATO UNTIL 1969, WHEN IT ESTABLISHED A

SEPARATE OFFICE IN BRUSSELS WITH NO SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT (WHICH HAS NEVERTHELESS CONTINUED TO WORK WITH OISE). WE RECOMMEND THAT THE STATUS OF OISE BE DEFINED IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT AND ASSUME THAT EMBASSY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE TEXT OF AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING TAKES PLACE.

3. IF TIME PERMITS, DEPARTMENT AND DOD MAY WANT TO CONSIDER A SIGNING CEREMONY ON THE OCCASION OF A MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON (SEE PARA 5 OF BRUSSELS 5648 FOR OUR FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FOR A MEETING). ACCORDING TO MAESSCHALCK, BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE MATTER, AND HE SEES NO OBSTACLE TO A WASHINGTON SIGNING IF FINAL, FULL TEXT OF AGREEMENT CAN BE GOTTEN TO HIM IN TIME FOR HIS CONCURRENCE. (MAESSCHALCK SUGGESTED USING STATE/EMBASSY CHANNEL IN THE INTERESTS OF SPEED.)

4. PLEASE ADVISE. BOOCHEVER

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